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Francisco E. Celedonio is CJA Supervising Attorney for the Districts of Hawai'i, Guam, and Northern Mariana Islands. Francisco's current responsibilities include supervision of training for his Panels, ongoing development of mentoring for new and prospective Panel members, advising the Panels and the courts on developments from the Administrative Office and Defender Services, and substantive review of CJA vouchers. A long time ago, in a big city called New York Francisco began work as a private defense attorney where he represented defendants in all areas of criminal law in the New York State Criminal and Supreme Courts, as well as federal courts in the SDNY, EDNY, and NDNY. Francisco was a member of the CJA Panels in the SDNY and EDNY, as well as a member of the SDNY CJA Peer Review Committee: he was also on the Board of Federal Defenders of New York. Francisco participated in creating and managing the pilot Mentoring Program in the SDNY, one of the first mentoring programs in the federal court system. Francisco was an AFPD in the District of Puerto Rico where he participated in-house training programs and training for the CJA Panel. He has been on faculty in trainings offered by the Training Division of DSO as well as other providers. Most recently Francisco was a Visiting Federal Public Defender at the United States Sentencing Commission where he worked on various policy issues. Francisco is a graduate of Columbia University, in New York City, where he received a B.A. in History; he received a J.D. from New York University School of Law.